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*Lesson, the tenth and eleventh verses of the sixth chapter
of St. Matthew.*

Mrs. Arnold.—Repeat the first verse of your lesson,
Lucy.

Lucy.—"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in
earth, as it is in heaven."

Mrs. Arnold.—In our sense of the expression it might
be said at that time that the kingdom of God had already
come upon earth, for when our blessed Saviour came to
disperse the darkness of heathenism and idolatry, and to
preach the Gospel to the blind and ignorant, the kingdom
of his Father was first established in the world; and we
have already seen by a great many proofs from different
passages in Scripture that it is never to be conquered or
overthrown. But though "the people that sat in darkness
saw great light" at that time, there is still much to be
done before this petition can be a superfluous one.
Which of us, my dear children, when we put up this
prayer, have not great reason to pray that the kingdom
of God may be admitted to rule in our own sinful hearts,
and to desire fervently that by us His will may be done
on earth as it is in heaven? Think how inconsistent and